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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

REF: SEOUL 5499

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE CONTINUED
SCANT DURING WEEKEND. TQX FRONT PAGE ITEMS
REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

A. ROK AMBASSADOR CALLED ON JAPANESE VICE
FOREIGN MINISTER AUGUST 17 AND DECLINED TO RETURN
KIM TAE-CHUNG OR YANG IL-DONG TO JAPAN FOR
QUESTIONING. HOWEVER DID PROMISE TO ADVISE GOJ
OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.

B. MINDAN LEADER PROTESTED TO LDP OVER DIET
MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA'S "IRRESPONSIBLE"
ALLEGATION THAT A ROKG AGENCY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
KIDNAPPING.

C. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND FOREIGN MINISTER
OHIRA AUGUST 18 RECEIVED "PERSONAL LETTERS OF
MORAL APOLOGY" FROM PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL
IN WHICH KIM EXPRESSED REGRET THAT "KOREANS" WERE
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INVOLVED, DENIED ROKG INVOLVEMENT, AND THANKED

GOJ FOR ITS COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

2. HAPDONG REPORT FROM TOKYO THAT ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD SEPT 7-8 ON SCHEDULE DESPITE "SOME DEMANDS" FOR POSTPONEMENT WAS TOP STORY IN AUGUST 30 TONGA ILBO BUT DID NOT APPEAR IN OTHER PAPERS. STORY, WHICH DID NOT MENTION SOURCE, CLAIMED THAT JAPANESE "TOP LEADERS" HAD DECIDED TO PROPOSE AT CABINET MEETING LATER THIS WEEK MAINTAINING ORIGINAL SCHEDULE FOR KOREA-JAPAN MEETING.

3. OPPOSITION ASSEMBLYMAN OM YONG-DAL, WHO VISITED KIM TAE-CHUNG ON AUGUST 15, TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 20 THAT TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE NO REPORTERS OR POLITICIANS HAD SEEN KIM SINCE AUGUST 16 BAN ON VISITORS. OM ALSO SAID THAT NDP REQUEST FOR PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN MADE SOLELY FOR PUBLIC EFFECT WITH NO REAL INTENTION TO PURSUE MATTER. HE SAID NDP HAS ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT SIDE REJECTION WITHOUT SERIOUS PROTEST.
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